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USCGC SPENCER to Support Mgr. Verriet Foundation in Curaçao



USCGC SPENCER (WMEC 905), a United States Coast Guard medium endurance cutter, arrives in Curaçao for a port visit on 4 October 2009 for a few days. This a routine, long-planned port visit, unrelated to any other events.

USCGC SPENCER is home-ported in Boston, MA, and is commanded by CDR Jeff Thomas, U.S. Coast Guard. The cutter was commissioned in 1986, is 270 feet in length and has a crew of approximately 100 officers and enlisted personnel.

USCGC SPENCER is the third cutter to serve the United States bearing the name "Spencer". USCGC SPENCER is currently engaged in the multinational exercise "Caribbean Venture" in which several countries focus on working together to prevent illicit drug trafficking.

USCGC SPENCER sailors will devote some of their free time to the local community and continue a landscaping and clean-up project at the Mgr. Verriet Foundation started today by USS NEWPORT NEWS sailors.

Also, the crew is looking forward to enjoying rest and relaxation opportunities in Curaçao.

The Mgr. Verriet Foundation for rehabilitation care, and a foundation for the mentally handicapped and rehabilitation care, joined together to form the SGR group in 2003. The Mgr. Verriet Foundation was established over 60 years ago. Together with the umbrella organization it has various locations for the care of the handicapped on the island.

For more information on USCGC SPENCER, please visit their webpage at:
<http://www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cgcSpencer/>

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